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Go east

Population, jobs look to increase in Madison County

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Population and employment projections for Madison County through the year 2020 are bearing out what economic development organizations have been saying — that the future of the St. Louis region lies to the east.

As part of the planning for its Long Range Transportation Plan, the Madison County Transit District released figures showing that both population and the number of jobs in the county is expected to increase dramatically.

The numbers were released Wednesday. They are based on analysis of existing estimates developed by organizations such as East-West Gateway Coordinating Council, and were modified to take into account the impact of significant developments such as Gateway Commerce Center and eastward population growth.

According to demographic projections by MCT, Madison County will be home to an estimated 300,000 people in 2020.

That is a 23.1 percent increase over the 1990 population of 248,825. It is an annual

'Additional jobs will enhance our quality of life and fuel further economic development in our county.'

Rudy Papa
County Board chairman

growth rate of .08 percent. An annual growth rate of .05 percent is typical of regions growing at a steady pace, according to information provided by MCT.

Most of that growth will be in areas above the bluffs. "What these growth projections mean for Madison County is that we have to prepare a transportation system to accommodate significant increases in traffic in key areas over the next two decades," said Madison County Board Chairman Rudy Papa.

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This subdivision near Edwardsville exemplifies the kind of population growth expected in the county.

Job gains expected in Tri-Cities area

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

While the overall population in Madison County is expected to increase by about 23 percent by 2020, townships in the Tri-City area are expected to remain the same or show slight decreases during that time.

Employment figures for those same townships show growth of between 12 per-

cent and 142 percent over that same time period.

According to figures from the Madison County Transit District as part of the Long Range Transportation Plan study, the population of Nameoki Township is expected to remain stable, with only a .05 percent increase — to 13,300 from a 1990 figure of 13,219.

Chouteau, Granite City and Venice townships are expected to decrease.

The study predicted Chouteau's population will decrease by 3 percent, to 7,900 from 8,030; Granite City and Venice townships will lose 6.3 percent of their population, to 30,000 from 32,010 for Granite City and 9,000 from 9,407 for Venice.

In employment, all townships in Madison County are expected to see increases in jobs.

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'Ambassador' child defies odds

By Alene Hill
Staff writer

Tyler Barnes, an energetic 17-month-old with a quick smile, doesn't know how lucky he is.

Doctors never expected him to live, but after 13 surgeries and five blood transfusions, he is this year's Ambassador Child for the annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica in Edwardsville, slated April 25.

Tyler is the son of Bryan and Beth Barnes of Maryville, formerly of Granite City. He has two sisters, Melodie and Nikki, and two brothers, Brett and Sean.

He was born on Nov. 15, 1996, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville with a rare disorder, Vater Syndrome.

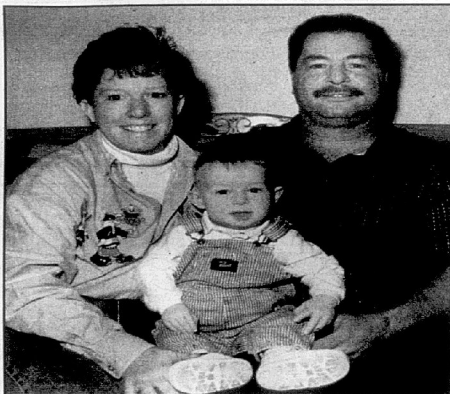
"We were told the day he was born, he would not thrive," Beth Barnes said. "He was six weeks early and he weighed 3 pounds and 4 ounces, and he couldn't breathe on his own."

Doctors at Anderson immediately transferred him to Cardinal Glennon Hospital in St. Louis.

Within hours, the full extent of Tyler's medical problems were discovered. He was born with an esophagus that went to his lungs, instead of his stomach, and without an anal opening.

He went through his first surgery the day he was born to receive a colostomy and a "G" tube that enabled him to eat.

Along with digestive problems, doctors found Tyler



Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK JR.

Tyler Barnes, 17 months, son of Beth and Bryan Barnes of Maryville, is the Ambassador Child for March of Dimes WalkAmerica in Edwardsville.

as much time as possible reading to him, soothing him with their voices.

After a few weeks, doctors repaired Tyler's esophagus and

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Congress tries to overturn ruling

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

The U.S. Congress is attempting to overturn a recent Supreme Court ruling that limits credit union membership.

Many credit union institutions have joined forces to have the membership policy reinstated. Legislation to do just that passed the U.S. House of Representatives Wednesday.

On Feb. 25, the Supreme Court ruled that federal-chartered credit unions can only accept members from one company or group.

The court ruled 5-4 to strike down a long-standing rule that company credit unions to accept members from other companies. Federal law does not allow credit unions to expand their membership that way.

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello (D-Bellefonte), cosponsored the bill that allows credit unions to continue to grow by adding multiple groups of members within specific limits. The House passed the bill overwhelmingly 411-8.

"In this bill, we also set standards for what constitutes a 'common bond' for credit membership," Costello said.

He also called the bill "fair, balanced and bipartisan."

The legislation now heads to the Senate for consideration.

Despite being a federal-chartered credit union, the Granite City Steel and Community Federal Credit Union remains unaffected by the high court's decision.

"The local credit union was not affected because some time ago, the management opened its doors to anyone in the Granite City community, rather than limiting membership to employees of one specific company."

"This decision was prompted by litigation from the banking industry — which has become increasingly anxious as a result of the success of the credit unions," said Mark Holshauer, manager of GCSCFCU.

"Although we will continue to battle for the rights of credit unions, (our) ability to offer credit union membership to the many residents and workers of Granite City has remained unchanged," Holshauer said. Any one who lives or works in Granite City is eligible to join.

The Supreme Court's ruling also left unaffected credit unions such as Scott Credit Union, the largest such in southwestern Illinois, which is state-chartered. However, that

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IDOT announces 5-year plan

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Area transportation projects have received a two-pronged boost with the announcement of the Illinois Department of Transportation's proposed five-year Highway Improvement Program and the U.S. House passage of a \$217 billion highway bill.

IDOT's District 8, which includes Madison and St. Clair counties, will receive approximately \$423 million over the five-year period.

The state funding is part of a \$5.55 billion five-year program announced Wednesday by Gov. Jim Edgar. Of that, \$1.1 billion in road improvements are scheduled for the 1999 fiscal year.

Edgar said most of the money will be earmarked to projects to repair existing highways and bridges.

"There are no new roads or

'I certainly appreciate the Department of Transportation seeing some of our needs in the Metro East, but I personally believe there were several projects that were overlooked.'

Rep. Steve Davis
D-Bethalto

major upgrades added to the road program for next fiscal year," he said. "We will be able to repair nearly 1,000 miles of road and rehabilitate or replace nearly 200 bridges during fiscal year 1999."

Funding for the 1999 program includes \$60 million in federal funds, \$490 in state funds, and \$34 million in local funds.

The proposed five-year program is not expected to keep up with the rate of deteriora-

tion of the state's highways and bridges, according to a press release by Edgar's office. At the state level, all of the bonds for road construction have been committed, and no new bonds can be issued without additional revenue.

Three state representatives — Tom Holbrook, D-Bellefonte, Steve Davis, D-Bethalto, and Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville — said they were pleased with

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Washington fun, busy during spring

If planning a spring, Easter or even summer trip to Washington, D.C., here are some helpful tips to make your visit to our nation's capital a little less stressful.

Washington is a fun and educational place to visit. Planning, though, is very important. Many of the sites are free, but they tend to get crowded.

The White House is a popular destination. My office receives a very limited number of White House tour tickets. Tickets also may be obtained at the Visitors Waiting Center beginning at 8 a.m. at the corner of 15th and E streets. All tickets are for the same tour.

The House of Representatives and Senate galleries are open to the public. My office can obtain passes for visitors wishing to view action in the chambers. Tours of the Capitol itself also are available.

The Mall area between the Capitol, White House and Lincoln Memorial offer a variety of sites to visit. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Korean War Memorial both are located near the Lincoln Memorial. Both offer a very



Rep. John Shimkus

moving reminder of the tragedies of conflict. The Washington Monument, currently is undergoing a major renovation and will be closed for some time.

Parking is difficult in the Capitol area and around many tourist sites. Be prepared to walk. The subway system, called Metro, is a convenient way to move around the Washington area. Fares are usually \$1.10 per person one way. Metro is clean and safe, but remember you are still in a large city.

The Smithsonian Institution offers free admission to a huge variety of art and educational exhibits. Among the Smithsonian offerings are the National Air and Space Building, National Museum of African Art and Museum of Natural

History.

Some sites of interest and in the Capitol area may be the Pentagon and Arlington National Cemetery. Both are located along Metro. Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, also is open for tours with an admission charge.

My district offices can provide brochures and additional information on traveling to the District of Columbia. We can assist in scheduling tours of other sites, including the Supreme Court and FBI Building. Many of these tours are only offered on specific dates and times. Thus, they may fill up months in advance. Planning and prioritizing your family's interest will be helpful.

Visit my website at www.house.gov/shimkus for additional visitor information.

Shimkus can be reached at his district office in Springfield at (217) 492-5090, or in Collinsville at 344-3065.

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COMMENTS FROM CAROL

He may be ugly, but he's beneficial



Carol Clarkin

This spring marks the 14th year friend Bob Earnhart of Hamel has tried for the title of "Ugliest Bartender." If not the world, at least in our corner of it and last week he detailed his calendar of events that, he hopes, will regain the area crown. He doesn't like to lose and last year he was dethroned.

In those 13 years, his efforts have netted more than \$160,000 for Multiple Sclerosis and this year's goal is \$20,000. "I haven't hit that much in one year yet, but it's something to aim for," he told me.

The contest, officially, doesn't begin until mid-May and this year will close the end of June, about two weeks longer than in the past. Bob jumped the gun slightly with his traditional miniature golf tournament by holding it the Sunday before St. Patrick's Day. "The weather was still miserable then and I took advantage of that. If I'd waited a couple of weeks, a lot of the participants would have been out on a real golf course and I'm glad I did. Got 61

players, the most I've ever had for the event, and raised \$610, plus an additional \$145 in donations. A good start," he said.

While he hasn't yet actually scheduled all his events (Bowling and dart tournaments) beginning May 2, he'll have "guest" (read "volunteer") bartenders every Saturday night.

Their friends like to come and insult them every evening they work and their tips all go to MS, as well as does a percentage of my bar trade," Bob said, "and every third Saturday there'll be a karaoke night."

The annual golf scramble will be May 17 at Oakbrook,

beginning at 8 a.m. Registration forms will be available in early April.

There's to be a softball tournament May 30 and 31 at Softball Central in Troy. Those interested may contact Jani Bagaglio or Kevin Kruse at 633-2222.

The same phone number will get you Amy Huber, if you're interested in a coed volleyball competition June 6 and 7 at Hamel Community Park.

The "biggie" this year, new to Bob's program, will be a show band from Branson, Mo., "Two for the Show." It will take place at Hamel Community Center June 6. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., dinner will be at 7 p.m. and will be followed at 8 p.m. by a 90-minute show.

Final event of the competition, as always, will be a barbecue and auction, starting at noon on June 28 at Earnie's in Hamel, "inside and out," Bob said.

Bob says he'll do "whatever it takes" to regain his title of head honcho of the area bartenders and I believe him.

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NEWS

Neighbors help foundation continue to grow

By Scott Kelly,
Staff writer

For four years the HOME Foundation has been helping provide affordable housing in the Granite City area. Concentrating on Granite City, Mitchell and Pontoon Beach, HOME has been steadily growing since developing its first rental property in 1996.

Ruth Noeth, president of the HOME Foundation, said the group got its start with two Frohardt Elementary teachers.

"They realized that all community efforts funneled through the schools during holidays helped," she said, and they wanted to do even more.

"They wanted to make a bigger

impact on a long-range basis," she said. An attorney, P. Theis Sr., suggested the group incorporate, which they did.

HOME is financially supported through local fund-raisers, small grants and money from the Madison County Board.

The first house, on Adams Street, has been rented since 1996. The family there is escrowing 80 percent of their rent until next year, and the escrowed funds will be used to help that family buy their own home. Next year, another tenant will participate in this escrowed rent program.

The second house, on Edwards Street, was sold early this year to a low-income family. The purchase price is \$46,000, with the help of the

'(The group) realized that all community efforts funneled through the schools during holidays helped.'

Ruth Noeth
HOME president

Granite City School District Buildings Trade programs and grants from the Madison County Board.

The third home is being built on Oakland. The three-bedroom home

with an attached garage should be completed by the building trades department by June.

"The matching requirement for the county money is coming through the student trade program," Noeth said. The students' voluntary work serves as "donated" labor, which satisfies the county. The home as of April 1 was 85 percent complete.

Other funding sources include a United Way grant, a Campaign for Human Development grant, donations from the First Presbyterian Bible School, and Church Women United donations.

The latest HOME project is the pre-development of a new, 24-unit apartment complex for low-income seniors at 24th and Adams. Recently,

the county board approved funding for the environmental and architectural studies for the proposed Village Gardens Apartments.

"I just met with county (officials) last night, and a date was set for the groundbreaking. That was exciting," she said Wednesday. The groundbreaking is scheduled for May.

Individuals interested in donating or selling a vacant lot are urged to contact the foundation at P.O. Box 1031, Granite City, IL 62040, or by calling 876-8782.

"The main focus of the all-volunteer group is helping people, Noeth said.

"It's just neighbor helping neighbor," she said.

Grants could help deteriorating sewers

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Venice City Council approved a public hearing on Madison County Community Development block grant funds will be held at 6:30 p.m. April 14, at city hall.

City officials are seeking input on grant applications for the coming year.

The city could be eligible for up to \$125,000 in block grants. At Tuesday's meeting, officials said the two most important projects to be considered would be sewer repair work on Klein Street, and money to renovate the former Dunbar School.

The collapse of the city's sewer system has been an ongoing problem, in part because of the age of the sewers and problems arising from the 1993 and 1995 floods.

The council is also considering a renovation project for the former Dunbar School site.

At the last council meeting, former Alderman Michael Terrell proposed rehabilitating the building into a community center, and said Tuesday that volunteers were ready to begin cleaning out the former school and securing it — possibly this weekend.

Terrell requested that the city seek the entire \$125,000 for the Dunbar School project.

"It's going to take all if not more than that \$125,000 to rehab

VENICE

'It's going to take all if not more of that \$125,000 to rehab that building.'

Michael Terrell
alderman

that building," he said.

In other business, the council approved a request by Ameren UE allowing an electric line to be placed over the western approach to the McKinley Bridge. The line will provide electricity for Middendorf Meats in St. Louis. The cost of the line will be paid by the company.

Requests for permission by American Fiber Communications and Newcom to run fiber optic cables through the city were tabled.

There was also brief discussion about problems with tractor-trailers along Baucum and College.

The truck traffic, which uses the roads to enter local manufacturing companies, is a constant source of complaints from residents and aldermen.



Simon says ...

Retired U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, now a professor at Southern Illinois University, is the guest speaker for the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce Law Enforcement Recognition Banquet, May 11. The chamber will honor officers for the police departments of Granite City, Madison, Pontoon Beach and Venice along with the Madison County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police. The banquet is scheduled for 6 p.m. May 11 at the St. Gregory's Armenian Hall. Tables for eight people can be reserved. Tickets are \$17.50 per person, and must be ordered no later than 4:30 p.m. May 1. For more information, call the chamber at 876-6400.

Break finally comes in murder investigation

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Peggy Sue Thompson loved antiques.

Mary Grimm said her daughter, acquired that love during Thompson's childhood in State Park Place.

Thompson was one of six children the Grimms raised there before moving to Florissant, Mo.

"She was just in love with old stuff," Grimm said. "She always said she was born in the wrong time period."

So the family was happy for Thompson and her husband, Jason, when they opened First Lady Antiques, 2201 Cherokee, in December 1992 on south St. Louis' "antique row."

Thompson ran an accounting business upstairs.

It was a second store for the Cahokia couple, who already owned a shop in Kirkwood, Mo.

The joy was short-lived. Thompson, 33, was shot to death during an apparent robbery at the store on Aug. 14, 1993. Despite a series of investigations, the murder case went nowhere.

Until last month. That's when St. Louis police who were re-examining the case got a break.

An inmate led them to Martin Moss, 27, who was already serving a life sentence for killing an antique shop clerk 12 days after Thompson's murder.

Police say Moss and a companion, Michael D. Stallings, 27, robbed and killed Thompson, though who actually did the shooting remains unclear. Stallings is still awaiting extradition from Texas, where he is a suspect in a similar killing there.

According to the St. Louis Circuit Attorney's office, Moss has not been charged in the case.

Stallings was charged with first-degree murder March 11 in an at-large warrant but the charge will likely go before a grand jury before it can be pursued.

For Grimm and her family, the break was an answer to years of prayers.

"At least now we know what happened," Grimm said. "That's more important than anything."

It's also important that people who knew Thompson know what happened to her. Grimm said Thompson's husband received an invitation last year to what would have been her daughter's 20th class reunion for Collinsville High School.

Grimm said she still runs into friends of Thompson's who don't know about her murder.

One who is all too aware of it is Jackie (Hart) Illies of Granite City.

Illies and Thompson became friends as second-graders at Kreitner School in Collinsville.

They later shared an apartment for five years. They were in each other's weddings.

"She was very carefree and very intelligent," Illies said of her friend. "Except for streetwise. She lacked in that one."

Illies said Thompson was "completely devoted" to her two sons, who were just 10 and 12 when their mother was killed.

"She lived for those kids," Illies said.

But Illies and Grimm both said they know the break is only the beginning. They both also said there is a trial, they'll be there.

"It's always hard to lose a child, but a deliberate murder is unthinkable," Grimm said. "If they're in prison, I want to make sure they stay in prison. Nobody needs to go through this."

While she will be glad to see the case prosecuted, Illies said there will never be enough justice for her.

"I lost a lot," Illies said. "We could have been closer if we were sisters. This has basically brought it all back for me and I guess until it's over I won't know how I'll feel."

"Right now though it seems like anything they do won't be enough. I lost the closest friend I've ever had."

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Backers must find plan

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Telegraph staff writer

Backers of the nursing and shelter care homes were challenged Wednesday to come up with a plan for keeping the homes open, but the issue is still on track for an April 15 showdown.

Madison County Board members Wednesday received more details about options in the wake of the March 17 defeat of two proposals supporting the homes.

At a meeting of three County Board committees, figures distributed by the administration Wednesday showed the homes have been increasing revenue by 28 percent over the past five years while expenses have grown by 4 percent over the same period. County Board Chairman Rudy Papa and director of administration Jim Monday also said that a proposal to sell land to finance a new building must rely on a sound business plan that will prove the county can operate a combined home for the life of the new building with the revenues that will be available.

"This exercise will require the help of a competent outside consultant," the report said.

County Board member Bob Stille, chief backer of the two homes, said a consultant should be hired before a decision is made on closing the homes or keeping them open. Papa told Stille during the meeting that if Stille wants to hire a consultant, his committee — the Health Institutions Committee — should draft a resolution to be voted on at the County Board meeting April 15, when the board will also be asked to close or keep the homes operating.

"We need a consultant because without one, we're guessing," Stille said. "Everybody is guessing. Some people have suggested that we can't afford to keep the homes operating, but we don't know that."

County Auditor Fred Bathon said the figures he has been generating for the past 18 years suggest that the county can't continue to operate the homes under existing conditions.

Stille also suggested the board may have no say in whether the homes are closed. He said the homes' backers have discovered a state law that provides that facilities set up by referendum must be closed by referendum.

Park's Iowa trip on sale April 14

The third overnight trip planned by the Granite City Park District for this year will be on May 19-21 to the Cedar Rapids, Iowa area.

The trip has been titled "Europe Without a Passport" because of the many ethnic areas to be visited and the many meals offered from those backgrounds.

The group will stay in Cedar Rapids on the first day, which includes a guided tour by a local 86-year-old Czech expert who will proudly explain the community.

The tour will also include the St. Wenceslaus Church, founded in 1874, the National Czech

and Slovak Museum and Library and Zenderick's Restaurant. At Zenderick's a full meal will be offered while being entertained by an accordion duo who will share their Czech music during dinner.

The second day will begin with breakfast at Villa Comagen, the county home of Austrian native Inge Schminke. In addition to a gift shop of items from her native land, she will acquaint the group with stories of her life in Austria.

The group will then go to Amama to pick up a guide and begin a tour of the seven Amama Colonies, where they will experience furniture mak-

ing, broom making, the communal kitchen, general store and church. A full, three-meal family-style meal will end the tour back in Amama at the Ox Yoke Inn. Time will be allowed for browsing where there are many unusual offerings including a woolen mill, butcher shop, kitchen shop and many others.

While heading for home on the third day, the first stop will be in Kalona, Iowa. Here, while enjoying doughnut holes and coffee, the tour guide will tell the group all about the Amish, their customs and life styles. A tour of the area will then be made including a neo-

dile factory, cheese factory, historic village and many demonstrations. A full home-cooked meal will be at lunchtime in an Amish farm home.

The trip will go on sale at 8 a.m. April 14, at the Wilson Park Ice Rink. The cost of the trip is \$262 for a single, \$222 each for a double room, \$197 each for three to a room and \$187 each for four to a room.

All costs must be paid at the time of registration. One person can reserve only one room of one to four persons. Proof of residency must be presented for each person, unless husband and wife. Nonresidents in line will be placed on the waiting list immediately. Those wishing to do so by phone must wait until noon to call the Wilson Park Office, 877-3059.

The fee for the trip includes the bus fare, two nights lodging at the Fairfield Inn, all tours and attractions and five meals. If more information is needed call Sue Champion at her residence or the Wilson Park Office.

McKendree debate teams advance

After debating in eight tough preliminary rounds, two of McKendree College's five debate teams proved to be among the best in the nation by advancing this month into the elimination rounds of the fifth annual National Parliamentary Debate Association national debate tournament in Lubbock, Texas.

The national tournament marked the end of a highly successful season for the McKendree College forensics squad. More than 200 debate teams representing 75 colleges and universities from 28 states competed in the four-day tournament.

Sophomore Chad Kaffer, son of Jack and Pam Kaffer of Swansea, was named one of the top 15 best parliamentary speakers of the 410 debaters in the tournament.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Tri-Cities Area

COSTELLO IN TOWN: U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello will hold office hours from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday at his congressional office, 1362 N. Ringhaus Ave. in Granite City.

He will also hold office hours from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday at the Pontoon Beach Village Hall, 3610 Highway 111.

Office hours are open to the public, with no appointment necessary. Costello will meet one-on-one with constituents who want to voice an opinion on an issue or have a problem with a federal agency.

PLATELET DRIVE: The Tri-Cities Chapter of the American Red Cross is planning a platelet drive on April 23. This is where volunteers can become platelet donors. Platelets are needed badly for persons undergoing a bone marrow transplant, surgery, chemotherapy, radiation treatment or organ transplant. The platelet component of blood is vital to control bleeding. Without platelet transfusions, life-threatening hemorrhages could result. For donating platelets, call (800) GIVE-LIFE to set up an appointment.

ment. The Red Cross staff will work with donors to schedule a convenient appointment time.

Donors must be healthy, meet medical requirements, and be willing to share good health with a seriously ill patient. There is no risk to donors' health, and there is no possible way to contract any disease such as AIDS or hepatitis. For more information, call the Red Cross at 452-7194.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION: The Illinois Department of Transportation has announced that short-term, daytime lane closures will occur during off-peak hours on both directions of Interstate 64 between Highways 111 and 157, and on the southbound lanes of Interstate 255 between Interstate 55-70 and Collinsville Road.

The closures began Monday and should end by Friday. The closures are required to remove, repair and replace existing sign trusses. Two traffic lanes will be open at all times at all repair locations. Collins and Hermann Inc. is performing the work.



Family honors

Randall Irwin of Irwin Chapel was the guest of honor at a dinner held March 28 at Rusty's Restaurant in Edwardsville, in order to recognize his 35 years in funeral service. Irwin, a lifelong resident of Granite City, became interested in funeral service during high school. He opened Irwin Chapel in 1978. Family members in attendance were, front row, from left: Heather Russell, Olivia Russell and Matt Russell. Middle row: Wilma Russell, Randall Irwin, Linda Irwin, Bill Russell, Elijah Russell. Top row: Bob Shaw Jr., Deb Shaw, Bob Shaw Sr., Bill Russell II, Sandy Shaw, Judy Russell, Amy Russell Sheridan, Matt Sheridan, Kay Russell and Don Russell.

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NEWS



The Poplar Street Bridge should see its share of IDOT money.

Bridges get priority in new plan

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The proposed new Mississippi River bridge, the McKinley Bridge and reconstruction of the Interstate 55/70 Poplar Street Bridge complex are among projects that are expected to be funded in the Illinois Department of Transportation's proposed five-year plan, which was announced Wednesday.

Approximately \$423 million has been earmarked for projects in IDOT's District 8, which includes Madison and St. Clair counties.

The plan calls for approximately \$39 million for engineering and land acquisition for the new bridge, which would cross the river south of the McKinley Bridge and connect to Illinois 203, Interstate 70 and Interstate 64. It would connect to I-70, 14th and Tucker Boulevard in St. Louis.

A study by Sverdrup Corp. for IDOT and the Missouri Department of Transportation showed that unless a new bridge was built, by 2020 delays for motorists crossing the King and Poplar Street Bridges could exceed 35-40 minutes over a three- or four-hour period each day.

"Motorists wanting to cross both the King and Poplar Street bridges will exceed the actual traffic that the bridges can accommodate by more

than 25 percent," the study said. "This unmet demand will stagnate development, since these motorists will choose not to travel across the Mississippi River at downtown during the peak."

The total cost of the bridge—including all approaches—is estimated at about \$500 million. No funding for construction has been approved.

The relocation of Illinois 3 would receive \$10 million for design studies, engineering and land acquisition. Of that, about \$3.4 million of the work would be funded for fiscal year 1999.

IDOT has had long-standing plans to make major improvements to a six-mile section of Illinois 3 from Venice to Sauget.

The relocated road would provide access to four bridges: Poplar Street, Eads, McKinley and the proposed new bridge south of the McKinley Bridge.

The proposed alignment begins approximately 2,000 feet north of Broadway Avenue in Venice, loops southeast around Brooklyn, then heads southwest, where it ends approximately 300 feet north of Montauk Avenue in Sauget.

The proposed improvements would consist of a four-lane road with partially-controlled highway access.

Approximately 160 acres of right-of-way will have to be acquired, and some commercial and residential property owners may be displaced.

Most of those properties are in Venice.

A formal public hearing on the project—with an expected cost of about \$70 million—is expected in June, and a design report and environmental impact statement is due in October.

About \$62 million would be spent on the Poplar Street Bridge complex, including reconstruction of the Martin Luther King Bridge interchange, a seismic refit of the bridge complex and improvements to the Illinois 3 ramps to the interstate.

The McKinley Bridge would receive \$8.5 million for repairs. Of that, about \$3 million would be state funds.

Other projects included in the plan include:

- \$4.3 million for replacement of the Illinois 3 bridge across the Cahokia Diversion Canal north of Interstate 270.

- \$1.91 million for patching, resurfacing and shoulder repair of Illinois 3 north of Industrial Drive to Broadway Avenue in Venice.

- \$2 million for biological mitigation and tree planting for the Alton Bypass north of I-270 at Sand Road.

- \$2.3 for bridge replacement across the Cahokia Diversion Canal on Illinois 111.

- 1.7 million for a new left turn lane and widening of Pontoon Road from Maryville Road to the Alton & Southern Railroad tracks.

Bank customers receive payments

By Ande Yakutis
Telegraph staff writer

More than \$4 million has been distributed to 750 Germania Bank customers who lost their life savings when the Alton bank collapsed in 1990.

"The checks have been mailed to the customers, closing the final chapter in the defunct Germania Bank," said St. Louis lawyer Frank Duda, who represents the customers.

The settlement in the 7-year-old Germania court case was reached late in 1997 with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Germania sold \$15 million worth of unlisted, subordinated capital notes, called "snotes," to 800 customers in 1987 to pump new operating capital into the failing bank.

Germania used a high-pressure sales campaign to prey on older bank customers

and lure them to buy the notes," said Wood River lawyer Rod Pitts, who also represents note holders.

Germania committed fraud by failing to show note buyers a financial report that showed the bank was near collapse, Pitts said.

In June 1990, disaster struck for the note holders when the 100-year-old bank failed and was seized by the federal government.

Duda, Pitts and lawyers John Dale Stobbs and Steve Stobbs of Alton battled seven years in U.S. District Court in East St. Louis to recover millions for Germania note holders.

The lawyers filed a lawsuit in June 1990, alleging that Germania was involved in fraud in the sale of the notes to customers.

"Unlicensed Germania employees illegally sold the

notes to customers," Duda said.

Bank employees were assigned as "pilots" on Top Gun "marketing squadrons," and their targets were older, longtime bank customers, Pitts said.

Employees carried "flight logs" with names of customers who bought the notes," Pitts said. "Employees who successfully sold the notes were rewarded with prizes such as new flight jackets."

A federal judge twice dismissed the note holder's lawsuit, but the lawyers refused.

"We never gave up the fight for the Germania customers," Duda said.

On Nov. 13, 1997, U.S. District Judge Paul Riley in East St. Louis ruled that unlicensed Germania representatives illegally sold the notes to customers in Alton and other Germania branches.

IDOT

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the funds for local road improvements.

"We are looking at a number of major revisions along a number of our most important roadways," Holbrook said.

"Road conditions have gotten to the point that they need some serious attention, and I think this new plan addresses many of our local road problems."

Davis agreed: "Some of our state highways and bridges are in dire need of repair," he said. "I certainly appreciate the Department of Transportation seeing some of our needs in the Metro East, but I personally believe there were several projects that were overlooked."

Hoffman said he was particularly interested in the expansion of Illinois 159 from Fairview Heights to Edwardsville.

"More than \$2.2 million has been allocated for that project over the next year, which Hoffman said is vital for economic development, safety and quality of life for Metro East residents."

Also on Wednesday, the U.S. House of Representatives

approved the Build Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act, which now goes to a House-Senate conference committee. The Senate version has already been approved, and Congressional leaders have said they want the bill passed before May 1, when the current highway authorization ends.

"I believe it is appropriate we allocate dollars from the Highway Trust Fund for their

intended use, which is improvements to our nation's roads and bridges," said U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleview.

Included in that bill is about \$5.2 million for repairs to the McKinley Bridge—\$4 million for land acquisition for the Alton Bypass between Illinois 143 and Illinois 140 near Alton and \$1.4 million to begin study for the new Mississippi River bridge.

Unions

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credit union is also very vocal in protecting credit union rights.

Credit unions are attractive to consumers because of such offerings as low-interest loans, stable or non-existing service fees and credit cards.

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Dimes

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he was able to take his first bottle. He suffered a serious setback in December 1996 but was able to get back on his feet in January 1997.

But, in February 1997 he returned to the hospital after he quit breathing.

"I was feeding him in the morning and he turned blue," his mother said. "My husband came in from work and gave

him CPR. I took off running down the street to get my neighbor, who I knew was a registered nurse."

By the time Barnes returned home, Maryville firefighters had arrived and Terry Hodapp, an emergency medical technician, was administering CPR.

Tyler was back in the hospital and on a ventilator for four and a half weeks. He came home for a while and again stopped breathing. This time, it was his mother who provided CPR until Hodapp showed up with the Maryville Fire Department.

"I don't know why I woke up that night; I guess God woke me up."

By the beginning of May, Tyler faced heart surgery to move his aorta, which was situated on his windpipe and was the cause of his breathing problem.

"If he got excited, his aorta would pump blood and expand and close his airway," Barnes said.

In August, Tyler underwent surgery to construct a rectum and fix his spine. In September, doctors closed his colostomy.

"I feel like we never have taken our children for granted, but having Tyler has shown us how fragile life is," Barnes said.

Her husband agreed. "It's not that you love a child with special needs any more, you just learn different things from them," he said.

In addition to Edwardsville, March of Dimes WalkAmerica events—locally sponsored by Group Health Plan and ROHO Inc.—are scheduled in Alton and Belleville.

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OBITUARIES

Joseph Manners

JOSEPH F. MANNERS, 44, of Pontoon Beach died at 1:18 a.m. March 31, 1998, at Scott Air Force Hospital.

Mr. Manners was born on Feb. 6, 1954, in Detroit, Mich. He had been in the U.S. Navy in communications and a member of the Presbyterian faith.

Survivors include two daughters, Julia Manners and Jeffrey both of Portland, Ore.; one stepson, Jason of Portland, Ore.; two brothers, James Manners, Jr., of China and John Manners of Pontoon Beach; one sister, Susan Manners of Pontoon Beach; and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Amelia (Sisco) Manners, Sr.

There were no services. Mr. Manners' body was buried at Hildreth Cemetery in Dover, Tenn.

James Crouch

JAMES "JIMBO" CROUCH, 64, of Granite City died Friday, April 3, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He was born Oct. 5, 1933, in East St. Louis.

Area

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The biggest winner in the Tri-City area will be Chouteau Township, which is expected to see a 142.7 percent increase, to 7,600 from 3,332.

James Pennkamp, executive director of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois, said the increase in Metro East job opportunities may create a shift in commuting patterns.

"There is a huge number of individuals crossing the river on a daily basis," he said. "A lot of those people would prefer to work in their own communities."

"Over time, I think we might begin to see some kind of reverse commute," he said.

In other local townships, Granite City is expected to see a 32.3 percent increase in jobs — to 18,869 from 14,257. Venice is expected to grow 15.5 percent to 3,460 from 2,992. Nameoki will see a 12.3 percent change — to 4,060 from 3,614.

Pennkamp said population figures are consistent with what has happened in the past.

Plan

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"The County's Long Range Transportation Plan will include specific recommendations to deal with the influx of people and their need to get around our county and to other key destinations."

Even more dramatic will be the increase in jobs.

According to MCT figures — listed by township — the number of jobs in Madison County will increase 38.7 percent to 140,985 in 2020 from 101,033 in 1990.

"I find it consistent with what I've seen projected by other organizations," said James Pennkamp, executive director of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois.

He said Illinois State University recently put out a population growth in the state, which said that Madison and St. Clair counties would see the largest increases.

"What we see here, over all that seems to be holding true," Pennkamp said.

"On job projection, again, we're seeing dramatic growth over the period of time, which is not surprising at all," he added. "The Leadership Council has said for a long time that Southwestern Illinois is the future of the region."

Mr. Crouch was employed by the Terminal Railroad for 37 years as a switchman until his retirement in 1992. He was a U.S. Marine veteran of the Korean War. He was the past president of the UT Local 69.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret (Evans) Crouch, of Granite City; daughter, Rhonda (Jeffrey) Newham of Granite City; granddaughters, Kari (Sean Williamson) Bennett of Swansea, Kelli (Brent) Clutts of Granite City, and Kimberlee Barnett of Granite City; great-granddaughter, Taylor Victoria Clutts of Granite City; sisters, Joann (Phillip) Drennan of Granite City, Barbara (Donald) (Robert) Fletcher of Beaver, Pa., Laura "Lolly" (Edward) Drennan of Granite City; sister, Janice (James) Albough of Indiana; brothers, Lowell Crouch of Millstadt and Michael (Renée) Crouch of Pontoon Beach; many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lowell and Mamie (Eamon) Crouch; and a son, James Crouch.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Thomas Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Lewis Trotter officiating.

Family visitation will be at 3 p.m. and for friends on Sunday from 4 p.m. at Thomas Chapel. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Ronald Grzesek

RONALD GRZESK, 51, of Granite City died at 7 a.m. Friday, April 3, 1998, at Oliver Anderson Hospital, Maryville.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Mortuary, 876-4321.

Fred Boyer

FRED ROY BOYER, 86, of Edwardsville died at 3:24 a.m. Thursday, April 2, 1998, at University Manor in Edwardsville.

He was born March 31, 1912, in Salem, Mo., and lived for 69 years in Granite City. Boyer was in the Navy during WW II and then employed by the Granite City School District 9 as a stationary engineer.

He was a member of the New Life Masonic Temple Lodge 835 in Granite City.

City, the Low 12 Club, Disabled American Veterans and SEIU Union Local 98.

Survivors include his wife, Helen (Shoddy) Boyer of Granite City, whom he married July 25, 1942, in St. Charles, Mo.; three sons, Donald Boyer of Riceville, Fla., Gerald Boyer of Ridgeland, Miss., and the Rev. Roy Boyer of Glen Carbon; one daughter, D'Nita Barnes of Carterville, Ga.; one brother, John Boyer and one sister, Neomie Hastings.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frances and Beatie (Pace) Boyer; one infant daughter, Freda Lucille; one brother, Joe Boyer; and three sisters, Hallie Hurter, Bertha Rose and Alta Boyer.

Services were Saturday at Mercer Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. James Hooker of New Life Assembly of God officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hills Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Edwin Willaredt, 69, of Granite City died at 8:48 a.m. Thursday, April 2, 1998. He was born June 25, 1929, in Granite City.

Mr. Willaredt retired from Teamsters and Chauffeurs Local 50 and was a member of St. John's Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary (Jenkins) Willaredt; his two daughters, Sharon Loetter of Arnold, Mo., and Mary Pat Farmer of Granite City; one sister, Esther Kosten of Collinsville; two grandsons, Kevin and Keith Grillon, both of Granite City; and two great-grandchildren, Kelsey and Madeline Grillon, both of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emil Willaredt and Fannie Willaredt Branding.

At Mr. Willaredt's request, his body was cremated. Burial was in Sunset Hills Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Werner Chapel handled the arrangements.

Kathleen Bloodworth

KATHLEEN J. (CLUTTS) BLOODWORTH, 47, of Madison died at 5:55 p.m. Saturday, March 28, 1998, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. She was born Aug. 20, 1950, in Granite City.

Mrs. Bloodworth was a CNA.

Survivors include her mother, Grace Paterson of Benoit; three sons, Gary Bloodworth and Terry Bloodworth, both of Collinsville; and James Bloodworth of St. Charles, Mo.; two daughters, Carol Bloodworth of Montana and Tammy Willard of Collinsville; two brothers, Robin Clutts of Granite City and Bob Clutts of St. Cloud, Fla.; four sisters, Sherri Teller of Benoit, Angela Nuzzo of Fayetteville, N.C., Kay Paschdag of Iowa and Mary

Survivors of Granite City; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gary Bloodworth; her father, George Clutts; and one sister, Joan Faye Clutts.

Graveside services were held Thursday, at Sunset Hill Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Davis Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Charles Burns Sr.

CHARLES "BILL" BURNS SR., 76, of Granite City, formerly of Glen Carbon, died at 5:35 p.m. Monday, March 23, 1998, at Christian North East in St. Louis County. He was born June 12, 1921, in Vance, Mo.

Mr. Burns was owner and operator of Grand Cafe and Bill Burns Cafeteria, now Jerry's Cafeteria. He was a member of the American Legion, AARP, Senior Council and Holy Family Catholic Church, a former member of the Madison County Mental Health Board; and a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Juliann (Huckla) Burns; three sons, Charles Burns Jr. of Collinsville, John Burns of Edwardsville and Robert Burns of McClellan, Idaho; one daughter, Linda Burns of Colorado; and three grandchildren, Aig and Paul Burns, both of Edwardsville, and Kristin Burns of McClellan, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Grace (Hanlon) Burns; five brothers, John, Emmett, Edward, Donald and Lawrence Burns; and one sister Eleanor Hadley.

Services were Friday, March 27, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City.

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NEWS

House passes measure for teen smokers

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

Teenage smokers could be performing community service or attending a smoking education program if caught buying or possessing a tobacco product. Legislation passed the Illinois House on March 31 stating that "No minor under 18 years of age shall buy or possess any cigar, cigarette, smokeless tobacco, or tobacco in any of its forms."

The bill has now been forwarded to the Illinois Senate for a vote.

Currently, federal law prohibits only the buying and selling of tobacco to minors. With the proposed legislation, another preventative measure is put into effect.

State Rep. Tom Holbrook, D-Bellefonte, sponsored the legislation.

"With this measure, we are simply trying to send a message to our young people, especially the 10- to 13-year-old smokers, that smoking is a bad habit to start," Holbrook said. "Adult smokers and non-smokers fully realize that smoking is a long-term addiction and it can certainly be fatal. By passing this legislation, perhaps we can more effectively convey this to our children."

Under the legislation, a minor committing the first offense would face 25 hours of community service or could attend a smoking education program, if available. For a second offense in a 12-month period, the court could impose community

service and a \$25 fine.

For a subsequent offense, a 30-hour community service term could be imposed as well as a \$50 fine.

Under the bill, violations would not be reported under the Criminal Identification Act or the Illinois Uniform Conviction Information Act, Holbrook said. Those found guilty under the bill would not have an official criminal record, he said.

Fairview Heights Police Capt. Mike King said that anything that helps teenagers from taking up the habit is a good idea.

"They're at such an age that they're susceptible to many things," King said. "They don't consider all of the ramifications."

EVENTS CALENDAR

Community

A SOUTHERN COUNTRY GOSPEL CONCERT featuring Sharon Benson, a Nashville recording artist, is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 11 at the Living Waters Outreach Center, 2121 Chain of Rocks Road in Mitchell. Refreshments will be served.

The Granite City Jaycees are hosting a BENEFIT CHICKEN AND BEER DANCE for Sarah Kennedy, 12, who has joined together with the 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus, the Columbus Home Association and the Pontoon Beach Lions.

The benefit is set for 7 p.m. to midnight May 2 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 4225 Old Alton Road in Granite City.

Door prizes, a parade of donations, and auction and music by Jeff and Lori are all offered. Tickets are a \$10 donation.

For more information on the benefit, call the Jaycees at 877-4250.

THE GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT'S Easter Egg Hunt is set for April 11 at Sykes Field in Wilson Park, for preschool through first grade only. Each child must bring a container. Times are: First grade, 8 a.m.; Kindergarten, 9 a.m.; and preschool, 10 a.m. For more information, call 877-3059.

THE AMVETS POST 204 is holding a fish fry 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 10 at 1711 Kennedy Drive in Madison. Fish, baked beans, slaw and desert are available at \$5 a plate, and \$3 for salads. Beverages and car-cuts are available.

HOLY FAMILY holds Lenten Fish Fries from 4 to 7 p.m. every Friday now through April 10 at 2600 Washington Ave. Fish Fries will be held in the community center cafeteria. Plates and sandwiches served. Car-cuts available.

VENICE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND is sponsoring a craft fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 25 at the high school, 705 Broadway in Venice. An assortment of hand-crafted items will be available at this free, annual fund-raiser. Call 452-5449 for more information.

Music/concerts

THE STAN FORNASZEWSKI BIG BAND of Granite City performs from 4 to 8 p.m. April 5 at the Crystal Ballroom, 113 mile east of Interstate 65 at exit 41 in Staunton. The event features

music "For Your Dancing Pleasure." Doors open at 3:15 p.m. For more information, call Cindy at 635-3606. For concert and dance information, call 451-2329, and to book the orchestra, call 451-1348.

The first artists signed up to appear at the RIVERPORT AMPHITHEATRE in Maryland Heights, off I-70 at Earth City Expressway South, include:

Dave Matthews Band, 7:30 p.m. May 31. Lawn and reserved seats, \$27.50. Lawn tickets are on sale; reserved tickets go on sale at 5 p.m. April 3.

Clint Black, 7:30 p.m. June 13. Special guests Trace Adkins and The Kinleys. Lawn tickets, \$17.50; reserved seats, \$24 and \$29.50. Lawn tickets are on sale; reserved tickets go on sale at noon on April 5.

Michael Crawford, 8:30 p.m. June 17. Lawn tickets, \$22; reserved seats, \$40.50, \$52.50 and \$62.50. All tickets are on sale now.

James Taylor, 8:30 p.m. June 26. Lawn tickets, \$15; reserved seats, \$25. Lawn tickets on sale now; reserved tickets on sale at noon on April 4.

Pearl Jam, 8 p.m. July 2. Lawn and reserved tickets, \$26. Tickets on sale now.

Metelica, 7 p.m. July 28. Special guests Jerry Cantrell and Days of the New. Tickets on sale now; reserved seats on sale at noon on April 4.

LeAnn Rimes and Bryan White, 8 p.m. August 6. Lawn tickets, \$17.50; reserved seats, \$27.50. Lawn tickets on sale now; reserved seats on sale at noon April 4.

Tickets are available at the Riverport office of Granite City's Arts & Issues series. The three-time Grammy Award-winning mixed choir is one of the most recorded singing groups and one of the best professional choirs still on tour in the United States. The concert, featuring 10 singers, will take place in StUE's Communications Building theater.

Tickets are \$12, student \$5, and are available at StUE's University Center at the Union Station ticket office, 692-2320. TTYDD service is available for patrons with hearing impairments, 692-3782 (VTT).

DiMaggio of Buffalo, N.Y., sophomore Jana Fisher, daughter of Steve and Donna Fischer of Roselle, and sophomore Jennifer Franz, daughter of John and Judy Franz of Oswee, and sophomore Melanie Smith, daughter of Jerry and Kay Smith of DuQuoin, and junior Michel Jackson, daughter of Ralph and Carmen Jackson of Maryland Heights, Mo., sophomore Joe Blasdel, son of Don and Donna Blasdel of DuQuoin, and junior B.J. Yurcin, son of Basil and Eve Yurcin, son of George and Kaffer and junior Adam Jenkins, son of George Jenkins and an Oliver of DuQuoin.

The team of Blasdel and Yurcin was defeated in the triple octafinal round by the tournament's seventh-seeded team from the University of Texas at Tyler. Jenkins and Kaffer defeated a tough William and Mary team in the triple octafinals before losing in the double octafinals to the top-seeded team in the tournament from William Carey College.

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Numbers increase faster for female smokers

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

The prevalence of smoking among female students has increased more than that of male students, a state study says.

According to a youth study on substance abuse conducted by the Illinois Department of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, the percent of female students increased 5.2 percent from 1990-1995. Male students increased their use by 4.6 percent in the same period, according to the study.

Legislators hope to curb the number of minors smok-

ing with a recently introduced bill which would impose community service or smoking education classes on minors caught with or buying tobacco products.

The Illinois House passed legislation last week which could possibly impose 25 hours of community service or a smoking education program for teen-agers committing a first offense. Those teens found guilty of the offense of possessing or buying "any cigar, cigarette, smokeless tobacco, or tobacco in any of its forms," according to the legislation, would not have any official criminal record.

The bill has now been forwarded to the Illinois Senate.

Students at O'Fallon Township High School expressed their opinion about the proposed legislation.

"I think that's a pretty dumb rule. Think about it. If you choose to play baseball, you play baseball," said sophomore Andy Devine, who also smokes. "If you choose to smoke, you smoke."

Jared Mahan, a sophomore and non-smoker, said the government should place more of a focus on those selling tobacco products.

"I think they should crack down more on people who sell the cigarettes to kids instead of pushing this off. I don't know how serious the teen smoke problem is," Mahan said. "If they think the problem is serious, I guess they should do something about it."

Sophomore Jenn Morrian, a non-smoker, had a unique viewpoint.

"I think smoking is its own punishment," Morrian said. "Government does not need to force punishment."

Information for this story was contributed by staff writer Mark Hodapp.

SLU school chosen for promotion

The Saint Louis University School of Public Health has been chosen by the Carter Presidential Center in Atlanta, Ga., to establish and promote the Faith and Health Consortium.

The consortium will develop educational programs, interdisciplinary curricula and research that explores the links between spirituality and health and between public health and the faith community.

The Carter Center was founded by former President Jimmy Carter.

The FHCC was established by the Carter Center Interfaith

and Health Program. Its mission includes introducing future religious and health leaders to expanded definitions and practices of faith and health during professional training.

The Carter Center recognized Saint Louis University as a leader in public health education.

The other local collaborators include Aquinas Institute, Concordia and Eden seminaries, and various faith and health practice sites around St. Louis.

Debate

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The five McKendree teams were: freshman Ryan Anderson, son of Jeff Anderson and Jennifer Dorch of Belleville, and junior John Paul Garner, son of Dominick and Mayda

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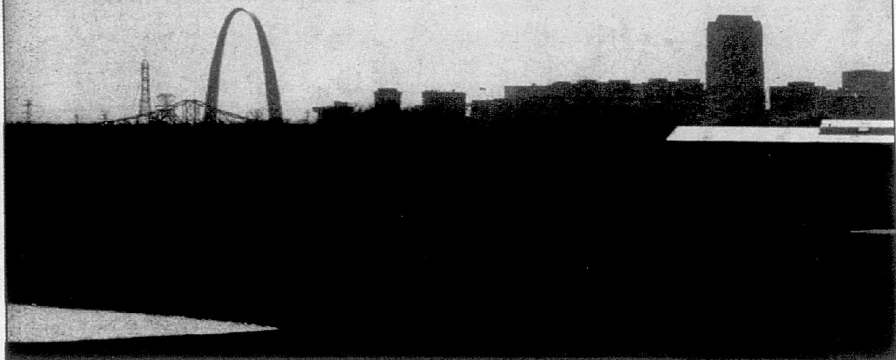
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GOLF GUIDE

Golf course sprawl hits the Metro East



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Gateway National Golf Links in Madison will open for business May 1. The course, located near Interstate 70 and Hwy. 203 and adjacent to the Gateway International Raceway, will offer an upscale European links style course in the shadows of downtown St. Louis. At right: Construction continues on the clubhouse at Gateway National Golf Links.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Gateway National among new upscale places to play in Illinois

By Toby Carrig
Staff writer

Denny Walters knows a thing or two about what makes a successful golf course.

His firm, Dennis Walters Golf Management Co., owns and operates St. Louis area courses such as Bogey Hills Country Club, Whitmoor Country Club and The Missouri Bluffs.

If he says he will build it and golfers will come, he is not insane.

Even if he says the newest golf course in his stable will be located adjacent to a racetrack in — of all places — Madison.

Walters' group will open Gateway National Golf Links on May 1. The 18-hole track will be a par-71 course, playing to 7,178 yards from the back tees — and sitting right next to — of all things — the Gateway International Raceway.

First-rate golf course, after all, are supposed to be located in pastorally splendid and serene settings — the rolling hills of St. Charles County, the lush woods of Ladue or Kirkwood.

Madison? On a flat bed of land smack dab next to a racetrack?

"The ground became available," said Walters, who contends that the location is perfect for downtown businesspeople and conventioners as well as golf enthusiasts. "It's right off Interstate 70 and right off Hwy.

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203. It has great access to anywhere in the St. Louis area.

Sure, golfers can get to the course, but why should they come?

Perhaps because Walters, who has established arguably the St. Louis area's very best public course with the Tom Fazio designed Missouri Bluffs, has something unique in store with Gateway National Golf Links. For one: links — the style of course commonly seen in Scotland and Ireland but not in the St. Louis area.

The course was designed by Keith Foster, who designed a course voted one of the best new ones of 1993 in The Quarry

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GOLF

Acorns, River's Edge also among new places to play

Add another scenic golf course to the Waterloo area. In addition to Annbriar, Waterloo Country Club and The Ridge, Acorns Golf Links has now become a permanent fixture on the Monroe County golf scene.

The Acorns, owned and designed by Waterloo resident Bill Ebeler, had its opening last September.

The Acorns is an 18-hole, par-72 course that can stretch to 6,700 yards from the tips. Its extra-large greens average more than 6,000 square feet per hole, and there are four to six tee boxes on each hole. Zoysia fairways, combined with a European links style and an abundance of water also add to the scenery.

"I think it's got a good feel. I think it's got a good look," Ebeler said. "It's not your plain course, but it's not your real extravagant course either. We primarily built it for the average person — the person who can afford it, who wants to come and play a nice course."

The Acorns is located at 3953 Ahne Drive in Waterloo. To get to the course from Waterloo, take a right on Illinois 156, turn left on Lakeview Drive and then right on Ahne Road.

Tee times can be made by calling 1-888-92ACORN.

River's Edge

The best-kept secret in Metro East golf is River's Edge Golf Course. Located at the Charles Melvin Price Support Center, just off Route 3, the course for military personnel began allowing the public to utilize the facility last spring.

The nine holes play to a par-36, covering 6,407 yards. And the price is right: \$8 for nine on weekdays and \$9 on weekends. For 18 holes, the greens fees are \$13 on weekdays and \$14 on weekends.

For information, call 452-4444.

•Gateway

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in The Quarry in San Antonio, Texas. Walters said Foster has worked wonders with Gateway National.

"It was basically, a flat piece of land," Walters said. "Mr. Foster used a lot of techniques he learned from working with Scottish and Irish courses. There are berms that separate a number of holes and a burn that runs the length of the course and is played over a number of times."

In addition to berms (small mounds) and a burn (a brook), other links elements of the course will be tied bunkers and tied support walls as well as difficult greens. Gateway National also will incorporate some of the natural grasses and wetlands located on the

200 acres of land.

Another offering of Gateway National that will attract golfers, bent-grass fairways.

"It's the only public access golf course with bent-grass fairways in St. Louis," said Walters, who noted that the feature is a part of just three private courses — Boone Valley, Fox Run and St. Louis Country Club — in the region.

As a first-rate course, Gateway National will charge a rate price: \$45 greens fees and a \$5 per person fee. Walters anticipates a special offering for golfers who are race enthusiasts, with a continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf, parking at the clubhouse and tickets to that day's event at Gateway International Raceway, home to PPG/CART series and NASCAR Busch Grand National series events.

Illinois Golf Courses

Illinois Golf Courses

(All phone numbers are 618 area code)

Acorns	Waterloo	939-7800	18	\$22-\$48
American Legion	Edwardsville	656-9774	9	\$7-\$11.50
Annabrier	Waterloo	939-7800	18	\$35-\$58
Arlington	Granite City	927-5232	18	\$20
Clinton Hill	Belleville	277-3700	18	\$10-\$30
Columbia Bridges	Columbia	281-3900	9	\$13-\$15
Columbia Golf Club	Columbia	280-9653	18	\$17-\$20.50
Elmwood	Belleville	538-5826	9	\$8-\$14
Fairmont	Fairmont City	874-9534	9	\$8-\$12
Far Oaks	Caseville	626-2900	18	\$30-\$70
Fox Creek	Edwardsville	692-9400	18	\$20
Gateway National	Madison	482-4653	18	\$45
Grand Marais	Centerville	398-9999	18	\$9.50-\$30
Lake James	Edwardsville	656-6007	18	\$8-\$13.50
The Legacy	Granite City	931-4653	18	\$20-\$30
Locust Hills	Lebanon	537-4592	18	\$8-\$13
North County	Red Bud	282-9953	9	\$7-\$15
Oak Brook	Edwardsville	656-6500	18	\$7-\$16
The Orchards	Belleville	233-8921	18	\$20-\$45
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Far Oak's par-5 sixth hole includes a creek that must be negotiated on the final approach shot to the green.

Far Oaks Golf Club will be far out fantastic

By Scott Marion

Staff writer

Add Far Oaks Golf Club to the growing list of championship-caliber courses in the St. Louis area.

Far Oaks (formerly Champions Trail) is an 18-hole course located at 419 Old Collinsville Road in Caseyville.

The head professional is Randy Phillips, former head pro at Yorktown Golf Club in Belleville. The teaching professional is Jim Knott, former golf coach and athletic director at Mascoutah High School and a longtime instructor at Clinton Hill Golf Club in Belleville.

"The course opened in October 1997 for limited play, and since then we've limited play to 30 golfers a day," Phillips said. "We opened up the course for full-time play in early March."

Far Oaks was designed by Belleville native Bob Goalby (a longtime PGA and Senior PGA golfer and the 1968 Masters champion) and his son, Don Goalby.

'T his golf course is going to turn some heads.'

Randy Phillips
Far Oaks pro

"It took two years from conception to the finished product," Phillips said. "Bob and I did a fabulous job on the layout. This golf course is going to turn some heads."

"When people first drive in, they think it's going to be a flat golf course and more of a links style. But most of the golf course is actually through the trees, with a lot of elevation changes."

The offices and pro shop at Far Oaks are currently in a temporary trailer, but construction will start soon on a luxurious clubhouse, with a targeted completion date of December 1998.

"In a couple weeks, we'll be opening a 160-person pavilion with a fireplace and restrooms," Phillips said. "Our schedule for tournaments and outings is starting to fill up fairly quickly. Especially with ladies, golf is just booming."

"We've put together a very good staff, not golf professionals and teaching professionals but assistants and tournament coordinators. The goal of the owners is to make this the No. 1 golf facility in the area."

The primary owner of Far Oaks is Bill Stirtz of St. Louis. "The response has been very good so far," Phillips said. "Once people play it, they'll realize how good this golf course is."

A nine-hole, par-three course, adjacent to the main course, is under construction and is scheduled to open this fall.

For more information about Far Oaks, call Phillips or tournament coordinators Jeff McCleary, Renee Dahmann or Chris Phillips at (618) 628-2900.

Jack's course is special

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

Golfers expect something special from a golf course designed by Jack Nicklaus, and when Stonewall Golf Club opened, they were not disappointed.

The first nine holes of the course, located at 1195 Stonewall Trail in Fairview Heights, Ill., opened on Sept. 7, 1996. All 18 holes opened on Oct. 11, 1997, with the clubhouse opening in March 1997. It is part of the Stonewall Golf & Residential Community.

"This course was listed by Golf Digest Magazine as the No. 2 new public upscale course in the United States and Canada," said Jim Collins, general manager of Stonewall.

"Construction started in August 1996. Once thing that made a project like this move along as quickly as it did was that they sodded everything from the tee boxes to the greens."

"I remember going out to the 16th hole one morning, and everything was just sculpted dirt. By the end of the afternoon, there was grass everywhere."

"From a marketing standpoint, having the name Jack Nicklaus associated with your course is a tremendous asset," Collins said. "Golfers in the metro area are very intelligent, and they know what it means to play on a Nicklaus course. Jack Nicklaus has a tendency to design his courses to be very user-friendly."

"Business last year was tremendous and we look for it to be even more so this year." Another thing this golf course has to offer is a fine restaurant, Jack's On The Green. It's upscale casual dining, and not many courses in the metro area offer that.

Stonewall's head golf professional is Steve Litter, who joined the staff in March 1998. "This course is designed for all levels of play," Litter said. "Each hole has five sets of tees to match a golfer's capabilities."

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ALL-JOURNAL BOYS BASKETBALL (CLASS AA)

EHS' Harris showed complete package

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Players like Jon Harris don't come along everyday.

It's been a number of years since the Metro East has seen a high school boys basketball who possessed the complete package of talents like the Edwardsville High senior standout.

Harris, a 6-foot-7 forward for the Tigers, had a brilliant three-year varsity career. His overall consistency this season garnered him the Class AA boys basketball Player of the Year for the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois.

Harris, 17, averaged 22.1 points and 14 rebounds per contest this season in leading the Tigers to a 26-2 mark. At one point this season, the Tigers were ranked as high as 11th—according to the Associated Press poll—among all Class AA teams in the state.

Harris' career number are equally as impressive. Harris will go down as the Tigers' eighth-leading career scorer with 1,281 points. He also is known as Mr. Rebound at Edwardsville, finishing his career with more than 1,200 boards.

"Jon has a good feel for the game," Edwardsville coach Mike Waldo said. "He does a good job of anticipating. He is very smart at positioning himself on the offensive and defensive boards. He tries hard to get rebounds. When put those things together with the fact that he got to play for three years, that helps bring those stats up."

Waldo knew Harris was going to be a special player for the Tigers when Harris was a sophomore.

Harris was a good contributing player as a sophomore and he just continued to get better.

"Jon improved his game each year. He became stronger and quicker each season," Waldo said. "He added more and more skill each season. His sophomore year, maybe

his biggest strength offensively was his ability to penetrate and beat bigger people off the dribble away from the basket. His junior year, he was able to continue that and he became better at the low post. This year he not only kept his good perimeter skills he became a prolific low-post player."

Harris said he thrived under Waldo's system because practices were identical to game situations. Harris constantly practiced with two and three teammates hounding him, just the type of defense he faced game in and out. It became second nature.

Harris also got better at finding the open man during those double and triple teams.

Harris is a soft-spoken person off the court but his fierce competitive nature comes out once he walks onto the court, which is why he had such great career numbers.

"I think you have to aggressive. You have to want the ball more than probably anyone else on the court, especially when you are playing guys that are just as athletic as you," Harris said. "I think Coach Waldo helped me and the whole team with that. We did a lot of drills and blocking out. I guess when I was going up against better athletes, I was able to use my fundamentals to block out and put my body so they couldn't jump over me."

"I was real fortunate to be in this school because it is a smaller city downstate and a lot of people really don't know about it. There is a lot of good coaches here and I think Coach Waldo has really worked with me a lot early in the mornings before school with my skills. Mr. (Tim) Dougherty, the athletic director, allowed me to lift with those guys, even though I didn't play football."

Harris owes some of his success to the coaching staff of the St. Louis Eagles AAU basketball team. Harris had plenty of success during the summer months, playing with the Eagles and playing against other NCAA Division I type players in the St. Louis metropolitan area.



(Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK JR.)

Edwardsville's Jon Harris averaged 22.1 points per game to help the Tigers to a 26-2 record this winter.

mer months, playing with the Eagles and playing against other NCAA Division I type players in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

All that playing time and countless hours of practice have paid off for Harris. In November, he gave his oral commitment to Marquette University and he later held true to his word and signed his national letter of intent to play for the Golden Eagles.

Edwardsville fans will get

their chance to see Harris from time to time because Marquette plays in the same league—Conference USA—as Saint Louis University.

Harris did say the postseason awards have been unexpected.

"It is really an honor because there is a lot of good players in this area," Harris said. "I feel real fortunate to have played with the guys I have because they are real unselfish guys."

Lincoln duo on first team

The following players join John Harris on the all-Journal boys basketball team:

Ralph Holmes, O'Fallon — The 5-foot-8 guard — also a standout in football and track — had an outstanding senior season. He averaged 11 points a game while shooting 48 percent from the field and 68 percent from the free-throw line. He had a school-record 96 steals, led the team in assists (108) and was second in rebounds with 112.

A three-year starter, Holmes is O'Fallon's all-time leader in steals (235) and is third in assists (276).

Mark Allaria, Edwardsville — The senior guard was not only the quarterback for the Tigers football team in the fall but he was the quarterback on EHS basketball team in the winter.

Allaria, who was the Class AA Defensive Football Player of the Year for the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois, will always be remembered for his court leadership and unselfishness. Allaria finished his three-year varsity career as the school's leading assist man with 517.

"I think Mark really had a tremendous year for us," Edwardsville coach Mike Waldo said. "He was an outstanding defender. He was a very good ballhandler. His assist to turnover ratio was outstanding; it was almost 7-to-2, which is very good. Mark developed into a good scorer for us. He averaged near double figures. He made 42 percent of his 3-point shots."

Josh Helbig, Belleville East — A four-year starter, the 6-5 Helbig finished his career third on East's all-time scoring list with 1,433 points. He ranks sixth with 548 rebounds.

As a senior, Helbig averaged 17.2 points, four rebounds, three assists and two steals per game. With the graduation of Clint Sitzes and Erick Greene after the 1996-97 season, Helbig asked was asked to take a more prominent role.

Last fall, Helbig signed a

scholarship to play NCAA Division I basketball at Cal State-Fullerton.

Larry Scheller, Belleville East — A 6-2 senior and a three-year varsity letter winner, Scheller averaged 7.6 points, four assists and three rebounds per game.

Terrence Slater, East St. Louis Lincoln — The 6-5, 189-pound senior was the power forward this season for the Tigers, champions of the Class AA Regional/Sectional. Slater led the Tigers in scoring 21 of 27 games, averaging 17.6 points an outing while putting in a phenomenal 75 percent (177-for-235) of his field goal attempts. Slater also averaged 8.3 rebounds per game.

It was Slater who carried the offensive load in the last game in Lincoln's history, scoring 13 points in a 51-41 super-sectional loss to Centralia. Slater also had a game-high 12 rebounds.

Darius Miles, East St. Louis Lincoln — At 6-7, 195 pounds, Miles was one of the most highly touted sophomores in the state this season. A third team Associated Press all-state selection, Miles averaged 12.3 points and 10 rebounds each outing, grabbing at least 10 boards in all but one game this year. But Miles' forte was shot-blocking, in which he led all of downstate Illinois with an average of 7.5 blocks per game.

When Miles contributed offensively, he did so with admirable accuracy, hitting 154 of 217 shots on the season for 71 percent. Miles' name is forever etched in Lincoln lore by virtue of his scoring the last points in the school's storied history.

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Tee-off is at 8 a.m. The day will be competitive and fun-filled. The entry fee is \$125 per person or \$500 for a foursome, which includes registration, gift bag, green fees and refreshments. The gift bag will include items such as caps, golf tees, golf balls, etc.

Prizes and awards will be presented at the luncheon awards banquet at the Grand Marais Club House immediately following play. A continental breakfast will be provided at 7 a.m., as well as the famous Wilson's BBQ lunch served at the awards banquet at approximately 1 p.m. In addition, bratwurst, beer and soda will be served throughout the course of the game.

Over the past four years, the St. Louis Gateway Classic has donated more than 1.1 million dollars back into the St. Louis metropolitan area. The goal this year is to provide 20 full four-year scholarships annually for students to go to historically black colleges as well as to provide equipment and funds for youth-related programs.

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For more information about the golf tournament call Arthur Tyler Jr., director of operations, at 621-1994.

Football clinic

The 1998 Youth and Fundamental Football Clinic will be May 9 at Edwardsville High School. The cost is \$20 (\$25 at the door) and includes:

Five hours of football from top coaches; eight speakers; exhibits; free clinic notebook; door prizes; free coffee and rolls at registration; and free lunch.

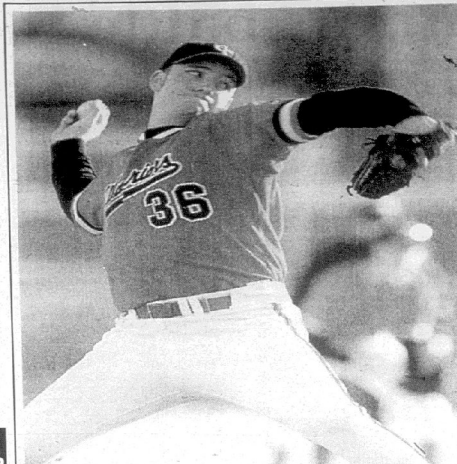
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5K fun-run/walk

A non-competitive 5-kilometer fun-run/walk for adults and children of all ages is set for May 17. The event will be hosted by Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Collinsville.

The registration deadline is April 15. Cost is \$8 and includes T-shirts for those who register by deadline.

For information, call Mary Sachtleben at 345-6807.



(Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK JR.)

The delivery

Granite City senior pitcher Dustin Brewer throws to the plate during Thursday's Southwestern Conference game at Collinsville. Brewer, one of the top pitchers in the St. Louis area, surrendered six runs — five earned — on seven hits and three walks in a 6-1 loss to the Kahoks. Collinsville starting pitcher Kenny Lutz, a junior, allowed five hits and walked none while striking out 13 Granite City batters. The only run scored against Lutz was unearned. Collinsville supported Lutz with five runs in the first three innings as Dan Munoz was 2-for-2 with two runs batted in.

Unique course coming to region

By Steve Salem
Staff writer

The opportunity to play some of the world's best par-3 holes is coming to St. Peters, Mo.

The Grand Slam Golf Course Tour Learning Center is scheduled to open in April 1999 near Spencer Road and I-370 in St. Charles County.

The course will consist of 18 holes — all par-3 — that are replicas of famous holes from top golf courses around the world.

"All the holes have something to do with U.S. Open, PGA Championship, Masters, British Open, PGA Tour and LPGA Tour history," said Mark Naes, director of golf operations for Tour Golf Management, which owns the course.

Naes said each hole will feature information on the history of the hole, its home course and the course designer.

All but two of the famous courses have restricted access, meaning that one must be a member or a resort guest to play. Add up the greens fees of all 18 courses and the total is \$4,278.

"This is going to allow golfers to play 18 of the greatest courses in the world that you could never get on," Naes said.

The facility will also include a tour learning center for lessons and practice. A 16,000-square foot putting green is planned, which is the largest in the St. Louis area. The green will feature both Bermuda and bent grasses. Bermuda grass is common on warm-weather courses like those in Florida, Texas and California. Bent grass is common in the Midwest.

Additionally, a driving range that provides two acres of hitting area is in the works. As for practicing one's sand game, the Tour Learning Center will have bunkers with "Florida" sand and others with the type of sand found locally.

"If you want to learn the game of golf, this is where you need to come," Naes said.

The course will be the first for Tour Golf Management, but Naes said the company plans to build 20 such courses across the country.

"This is the first of our developments here in St. Peters, so it's going to be our prototype," Naes said.

To really stand out, the Grand Slam Golf facility will be open to the public 24 hours a day. With just par-3 holes, an 18-hole round — which will cost \$20 — should take no more than 2-3 hours.

"That's where we see the market going," Naes said.

"People don't want to play five-hour rounds. They do want to play at night and kids want to play golf as well."

Speaking of kids, they are the Tour Learning Center's specialty.

"We're going to have a very aggressive junior golf program to help nurture the development of younger players," Naes said.

"We're trying to get kids out of gangs and into organized activities, like golf."

To that end, there will be a separate 4-hole "junior" course available to adults only when accompanied by a child. Also, kids will be able to use the course and its facilities for a discounted rate — in some cases, for free.

Overall, Naes said he believes the golfing experience at the Grand Slam Golf Course will be positive for all.

"Players are going to get a history lesson, a great course to play and a chance to travel all around the world," Naes said.

"Plus, they will see kids learning to play at the same time."

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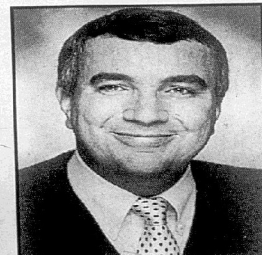
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Well, dear friends, the day is here and I'd like to share with you some tips I have compiled to decorate and create.

Where you live now may not be the home of your dreams, but that dwelling does shelter your most beautiful plans and aspirations. Those blueprints in your heart can transform the home you live in now and today. Change is an excellent remedy for that tired feeling.

The front door says "welcome." Make a wreath or hang a beautiful basket of flowers on your front door. Pick your favorite color and paint the walls. You can

A New You



Catherine Galasso

decorate on a budget. Look for discount paint. Some paint stores sell gallons of paint for \$3 or \$4 each because it was returned as not the right tint. Browse through thrift stores, tag sales and flea markets for one of a kind finds.

Make your home smell heavenly. Set out bowls of potpourri throughout your house or add scented powder to your vacuum cleaner bag. In the

evening, fragrant candles can bring romance to a room.

Display your cherished collections. On a table or shelf create a window into the past with a collection of antique photos you love and objects that have sentimental value.

Let the flood of natural light pour into your rooms. Put away the heavy curtains and lighten up with swags and valances for your window treatments. Use sheers tied back with wide wire ribboned bows. Make white slipcovers or use pretty sheets pinned or tied in place with accent ribbons and bows.

If you have a fireplace, put a large basket filled with flowers or plants in the opening.

Lighten and brighten with a color that you love. Choose accent pieces in that color, perhaps in pillows or flowers, and place them in a triangle in your room. For instance, place a pillow on either side of the sofa and across the room, put

flowers on a table. Find pretty plates with the color you have chosen and hang them on the wall.

If you can, roll up heavy rugs, leaving shiny bare floors that feel nice and cool on bare feet, or put down a straw mat.

Take clay pots and paint them in a bright accent color. Plant geraniums in them and put them on the windowsill or plant stand.

Use a glue gun to cover plain white lamp shades with interesting fabric.

Garden furniture is moving indoors. Wicker is an indoor/outdoor favorite. Cover the seat cushions in a flowered chintz and you can create a garden atmosphere year-round.

Change your heavy oil paintings to light watercolor

Where you live now may not be the home of your dreams, but that dwelling does shelter your most beautiful plans and aspirations.

summer scenes and replace your brass with crystal, or silver.

Buy a guest book for everyone to sign before they

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excitement of being home. Let's remember the true beauty of a home is a soul filled with thanksgiving and appreciation. Happy decorating.

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City Journal, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City,

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es to be listed.

Landlords association to discuss upcoming deregulation

The Metro East Landlords Association will meet Monday at the Collinsville Eagles Hall, 940 California St., Jim Ferguson of Illinois Power will be the main speak-

er. With the coming deregulation of the nation's power system, landlords and tenants alike will be able to choose their own power company. Besides the deregulation, Fer-

guson will discuss the problem of having the tenant shutting off power to a unit without notifying the landlord.

Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7.

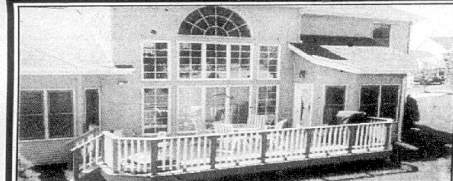
Association meetings are open to anyone interested in real estate or becoming a landlord. Admission for non-members is \$5 per person. For more information, call Donna at 233-8448.

Program aims for patients

"I Can Cope," a cancer education program developed by the American Cancer Society and sponsored by the Oncology Care Center and Memorial Hospital, is being offered to cancer patients and their families and friends.

The session begins April 16 and continues for six consecutive Thursdays. The sessions will be from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. at the Oncology Care Center, 4000 N. Illinois, Belleville. It is free of charge, but registration is requested. Call 236-1000.

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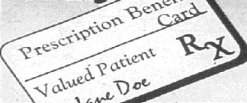
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SOCIETY

Group's annual buffet dinner hits spot

Young at Heart senior citizens of Holy Family Catholic Church held its annual Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner at its monthly meeting on March 16 in the church community center.

President Irma Manning welcomed members and guests. Sister Jean Patrick offered an Irish prayer.

A buffet dinner was served by Jerry's Catering service to 70 members and guests. The following sisters were guests, and were recognized for their contribution to the parish.

Sister Jean Patrick, Sister Angeline, Sister Stanley, Sister Mary Alice, and Sister Linda Mary.

Minutes of the February meeting were read by the recording secretary, Cleola Siebert, followed by the treasurer's report given by Cecelia Mance.

Corresponding secretary, Ann Kovacs, reported receiving a Thank you card from Kelly Martin, Quality Assurance, Madison County Nursing Home.

Friendship chairperson, Mary Rita Ahlers, sent sympathy cards to Adele Wasylek, Catherine Fedora, Eleanor Vrabec and Frances Vivod.

Chapter members attend luncheon

The regular monthly meeting of the Eta Alumnae Chapter, Phi Tau Omega Sorority was held March 4 at Charlie's Restaurant, hosted by Betty Harris and Van Stuart. 10 members attended.

Following a brief business session, conducted by the President, LaVeda Knobbe, lunch was served.

Card games occupied the afternoon with prizes awarded to everyone present. Those attending, not mentioned above, were: Dorothy Johnson, Marge, Millie Jungels, Maguerite Lexow, Ann McDowell, Elsie Rodell, Mary Lou Tonsick and Mary Evelyn Yencho.

Four members of the Eta Alumnae Chapter: Knobbe, McDowell, Tonsick and Yencho attended the Founders Day Luncheon on March 7 at Pietro's in St. Louis, presented by Delta Kappa Phi Chapter in St. Louis.

The next meeting was to be April 1, with hostesses Frances Hartman and Knobbe.

Workshop scheduled

The Weigh Down Workshop is a biblically-based weight-loss support group/program that focuses on eating between the parameters of true physical hunger and true satisfaction as God intended.

God is the center of this program, which teaches participants to eat when they are physically hungry rather than in response to feelings, stress, boredom, and/or depression.

The Clark Avenue Church of Christ will start another 12-week session with an orientation, consisting of a video about the program and an opportunity to ask any questions one might have.

The group will meet at 7 p.m. each Monday night. If you would like to know more about the program, please call 331-6770 or 337-6876.

Service to sponsor card party

Radio Information Service at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows will sponsor a benefit card party from 1 to 4 p.m. April 14 in the Dooley Center.

Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and suggested donation is \$3.

Bring your own cards or board games.

Refreshments and attendance prizes will be included in the activities. Proceeds will benefit blind and disabled people.

Radio Information Service is a closed-circuit radio broadcast for area blind and print handicapped people.

Items such as newspapers, books, magazines and ads are read daily.

For more information, call the shrine at 397-6700 or (314) 241-3400 from St. Louis.

Bridal forms available

Forms for free bridal announcements are available at the newspaper, 1815 Delmar Ave. We also welcome engagement and anniversary announcements. All are published at no cost.



Above, holding the U.S. flag during a patriotic tribute is the Joyful Noise group, who entertained the Young at Heart members at their March meeting.

Get well cards were sent to: Nellie Dezan and Florence Hagnauer.

In the absence of Membership chairperson, Connie McGee, Eileen Purdie, reported 70 members in attendance.

Birthdays celebrated in March were: Sister Jean Patrick, Cleola Siebert, Frances Pelate, Eileen Purdie, Mattie Solifro, George Yevin, and Eva Six.

Anniversary celebrated in March was Retta and Mike Lombardi, 14 years.

A trip is scheduled to Paradise Peoria.

This is a two day trip on April 27 and 28, price \$35. Includes transportation, hotel buffet dinner, continental breakfast and lunch.

On the way home, we'll visit an antique shop.

A free trip is scheduled to the Casino, Queen on May 4. Instead of a lunch, the Casino Queen will offer an ice cream social at noon, cruise at 1 p.m. We will have to be off the boat by 3 p.m. The bus will leave

the church parking lot at 11 a.m.

Another trip is scheduled on May 21 on the Show boat to see the stage play: "Joseph and the Amazing Dreamcoat," price \$24.

We will leave the church parking lot at 11 a.m., board at 11:45 a.m., with a buffet dinner at noon, and see the show at 1:30 p.m.

Cut-off date for reservation and payment is May 11.

St. Marys Catholic Church will have a chicken and dumpling and roast beef dinner on March 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. price \$6.

Young at Heart will have a Chili and soup meal at the next monthly meeting in April.

Attendance prizes were won by Rosemary Nagy, Sister Angeline, Goldie Royacke, Frank Juhasz, Violet holder, Sister Jean Patrick and Pat Thomas.

After the meeting, the Young Heart were entertained by the delight Joyful Noise, after the entertainment the rest of the evening was spent playing bingo.

The next monthly meeting will start at 6 p.m. with a chili and soup meal, meeting at 7 p.m., on April 20, in the church community center.

Care needed when handling eggs

While excited over chocolate bunnies and other Easter candies, consumers should also remember about the proper handling of real Easter eggs. Each year many hard-cooked eggs are used for egg hunts or as decorations and with proper care they can also be eaten.

Hard-cooked eggs are a nutritious, healthful food product. But to avoid foodborne illness, you must take care in preparing, and storing eggs. First, only clean, crack-free, Grade AA or A eggs should be used for egg dyeing. They should be purchased from refrigerated sources and stored

in the coldest part of your refrigerator, not the door.

To help keep down the spread of bacteria, consumers should wash their hands both before handling the raw egg and again before handling the freshly cooked egg. Boiling destroys most bacteria that might be present on the raw egg. But cooking the egg allows bacteria to be drawn in while the egg cools. Quick cool the eggs under cold running water and refrigerate the eggs promptly. Hard-cooked eggs can be stored in the refrigerator for one week.

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Troop holds Court of Honor Summer jobs to be made available

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

Troop 46 held its Eagle Court of Honor at the Granite City Eagles 1126 hall on March 8th, for Douglas Mueller, son of Charles and Helen Mueller.

Scoutmaster J. W. Wyatt of Troop 46 led the welcome and introductions. Color guards presenting the colors were John Keener and Ross Martin, and the pledge was given by Sean Fortune. Honor Guard and Eagle Scout Terry Kreher, and Eagle Scout Brandon Houser escorted Mueller to his seat of honor.

Requirements for becoming an Eagle Scout were read by Wyatt. Eagle candle ceremony was conducted by Mike Graves, assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 46.

The Eagle Pledge was given by John Stone, assistant Scoutmaster Troop 46. Candle lighter was Jeff Beckwith. The Eagle badge was given to Mueller by Wyatt.

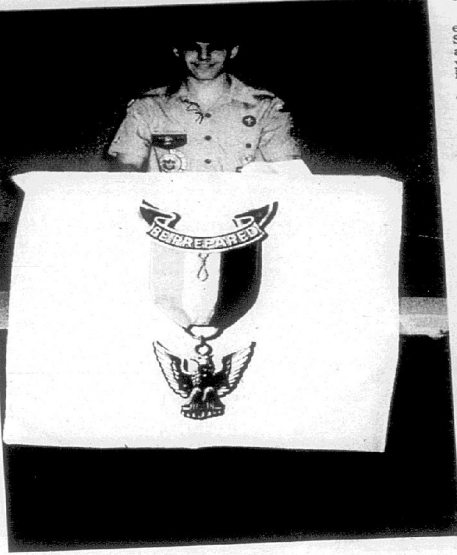
Eagle color ceremony was by assistant Scoutmaster Troop 46, Robert Henson. A double scarf ceremony was performed, Eagle and neta, the later given by Dave Brock.

Wyatt asked the parents of Mueller to come forward. Mueller presented the mother Eagle pin, and Eagle tie back to his father. Presentations were given to Mueller as follows:

Le Roy Starck and Aeris President 1126 Jim Eoud; Danny Kreher, Chief Long Lake Fire Dept.; Bill Loftus and John Haug Sr., Knights of Columbus, American Legion Post 113, Hank Harris; Kent Holsinger, Optimist Club; Ron Lubben, Sons of the American Revolution.

Commendation: (given by Mike Graves)

Bill Clinton, President of the United States; Jimmy Carter, Past President; Gerald Ford, Past President; George Bush, Past President; Ron Selph, Mayor of Granite City; Jim Edgar, Governor of Illinois;



Douglas Mueller

James F. Clayborn Jr., Senator; Jerry Costello, Congressman; Alfred J. Poolell, National Park Service; Paul Tagliabue, National Football League; Brian Bishop, Lt. Col. USAF, Thunderbirds; Carol Mosely Braun, United States Senator; J. W. Marriott Corporation; Michael D. Eisner, Walt Disney Company; M. Douglas Investor, Coca-Cola Company.

Mueller was asked to give a response. He thanked everyone who helped him get to this day to be an Eagle Scout.

Wyatt had his minute of congratulations. The colors were retired and a luncheon was given by the Mueller family.

Mothers from Troop 46 helped serve, including Pam Bledsoe, Linda Whited and Donna Hahs.

All applicants must meet Job Training Partnership Act requirements, said Eddie Koch, program development supervisor. In addition, applicants must take assessment tests, along with interest, skill level, and aptitude tests.

"We also take a look at where they live and where the jobs are," Koch said.

Eligible participants will receive about 30 hours of work per week at a wage of \$5.15 per hour. The Summer Youth Program will run from June 8 to Aug. 14. For students in East St. Louis School District 189, a second session will run from July 1 to Aug. 14, accommodating their late school year dismissal.

"Locally, the Summer Youth Program has been a great success. Not only do area youth

receive an opportunity for temporary employment, they also get the chance to learn about the world of work," Baricevic said.

Koch said the program also allows participants to take part in the decision-making process at the job site.

"We want them to learn while they work," she said.

Those interested should contact their local JTPA Illinois Employment and Training Center. Locally, centers include:

East St. Louis Employment and Training Center, 646 N. 20th St. East St. Louis. The phone number is 875-4537.

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Collector must be 'people person'

By Steve Bryan

No matter how much money they bring home each week, many people still have trouble paying all their bills on time.

Food, clothing, rent and medical expenses all take a healthy bite out of a paycheck, especially for those trying to support a spouse and children.

The loss of a job or a catastrophic illness can also wipe out savings accounts and create even more financial problems for a family or individual.

In situations like these, it's easy for people to let utility or credit card bills go unpaid month after month.

Creditors, however, still need their money to stay in business. When a company is unable to collect on a delinquent account, they sometimes turn to collection agencies for assistance.

"We collect medical bills, retail accounts, utilities, commercial accounts, bad checks and bank loans," said Janet Batson, collections manager at Minute Service Bureau, 3363 Grace.

"We try to help people get their bills cleared up. Our job is helping people get their credit reports cleaned up so they can get a car loan or buy a house."

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"We let them give us post-dated checks or a 'check-by-phone.' People come in here and make payments weekly or monthly. We make arrangements to meet their needs."

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When calling people on the phone, for example, collectors must identify themselves and their company. FDCPA allows them to start calling people at 8 a.m. but they must stop by 9 p.m.

Training and certification are available for anyone interested in this line of work.

"We are a member of the American Collector's Association," Batson said. "They put on these different schools, so let us know where they are holding them."

"We prefer to hire FDCPA certified collectors who have agency experience. I do train a lot of people from scratch, however. We have books and tapes on FDCPA and people skills."

Education office promotes careers

By Steve Bryan

While their children struggle with math or spelling homework, many parents hear complaints such as "How come I have to learn this stuff? I'll never use it when I grow up."

"Our programs help motivate students in doing their school work," said Rick Hey, a coordinator at the Career Education Office of the St. Louis Public Schools. "We start them thinking about careers and show them the reason and payoff for studying and learning. We have tons of programs. We want to turn kids on to what they're going to be doing."

Although most students don't start thinking about careers until high school or even college, it's really never too early to talk to kids about careers.

"We have a curriculum available to city and county schools," Hey said. "We encourage teachers to infuse this into their regular curriculum. It covers topics like career awareness, responsibility training and self awareness."

The Career Education Office also offers several programs designed to promote career awareness at all grade levels.

"At the elementary school level, we have a program called Careers on Wheels," Hey said. "We'll take vehicles into a school yard and show how the different school skills are used when operating that vehicle."

The students talk to people who have these careers and use this equipment. They learn why firefighters need to know math and science."

The Career Education Office also arranges, through their Careers About Town program, for seventh-grade students to visit such places as a Federal Reserve Bank or the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"For eighth-grade students, we actually arrange for them to visit college campuses," Hey said. "This helps them learn what coursework they need to take in high school to prepare them for college."

"Our biggest event of the year is the Career Awareness Fair, which we just completed. We had representatives from 100 different companies, large and small, from the high-tech fields to construction."

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